

INSTALLATION

Schweinfurt - Germany

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For personal assistance, contact your Relocation Assistance Program at your installation. For additional information on this category, visit Contacts/Links, Quick Links and the "Getting Started" section (Planning Your PCS Move).

The Schweinfurt Military Community, part of "The Big Red One", makes up the 280th Base Support Battalion which is attached to the 98th Area Support Group out of Wuerzburg. The major command is the Installation Management Agency Europe with a primary weapon system of combat arms. Our community is split between 2 barracks or kasernes (Conn and Ledward); both are located in the city of Schweinfurt and are approximately two miles apart.

Located in the heart of Franconia, the city offers an enchanting array of picturesque buildings, beautiful parks, outdoor markets and numerous recreational facilities. Schweinfurt is centrally located in Germany, just 99 miles east of Frankfurt and 72 miles northwest of Nuernberg. If you want to explore your surroundings even further, countries such as Switzerland, Austria, France, and Belgium are only a few hours drive away.

The First Infantry Division is charged with the vital mission (as a part of the NATO Defense Team) of maintaining the forward edge of freedom in Western Europe. To carry out our mission, we support a population of approximately 10,097 including 5,090 active duty Army, 12 active duty Air Force, 360 U.S. civilian employees, 367 Local National civilian employees, 4,141 family members, and 127 retirees.

Schweinfurt's status as a ball bearing manufacturing center made it an ideal target during the Second World War. Between October 1944 and April 1945 the city endured no less than seventeen Allied bombing attacks. Since most of the German troops had already left the city for other fronts, air defense artillery behind the Flugplatz was manned only by the "Reichsarbeitsdienst" (teenagers who were issued brown uniforms, shovels and taught military discipline prior to joining the Army).

On the 11th of April, 1945 the 42nd Division, 7th U.S. Army marched into Schweinfurt and seized the Flugplatz. It was occupied by the American Air Corps until 1948 when it was then transferred over to the U.S. Army.

The Flugplatz was renamed Conn Barracks in honor of 2LT Orville B. Conn, Jr. in 1947. Lieutenant Conn was the first World War II casualty of the Sixth Cavalry Group, killed in action on August 10, 1944 at Normandy, France.

Ledward: Construction of the Panzer Kaserne was completed in 1936. The Panzer's 4th Tank Regiment was deployed to fight in Austria between 1937 and 1938. The Fourth was replaced by the 36th Tank Regiment. Other units assigned to the Kaserne included an Armored Artillery Battalion and an Armored Infantry Regiment. Hungarian troops and an anti-aircraft battalion were also stationed here. The Panzer Kaserne was much larger during the Second World War than it is today. Modern day Ledward Barracks does not include areas of the former post such as the Mercedes plant or the city bus garage. Extensive bomb damage during the war destroyed much of the kaserne. Immediately following Schweinfurt's surrender in 1945 the kaserne was used as a refugee camp for displaced Estonians, Yugoslavs, Lithuanians, and Poles. U.S. Consulate Offices were also located here.

The Panzer Kaserne was renamed Ledward Barracks in honor of LTC William J. Ledward. LTC Ledward was killed in action in Italy, June 1944. He was the Commanding Officer of the 27th Armored Field Artillery Battalion. The U.S. Army took control of Ledward Barracks in 1948.

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CYS Waiting List Guidance for Incoming Families:

Childcare availability in EUROPE varies from one installation to the next. Some communities have significant childcare waiting lists. Soldiers and DoD civilians who are on pinpoint orders to EUROPE may contact the Child and Youth Services (CYS) Central Enrollment Registration Office (CER) at their gaining installation to place their child(ren) on the child care waiting list 60-90 days prior to their arrival. To sign up, parents should fax a copy of their orders to

the gaining CER office

Please refer to the Child and Teen Services section of this file for phone numbers for the CER. The family's date of arrival at the gaining installation becomes the sign-up date and will determine placement on the waiting list. Please call your local CER office for more information.

PETS... Pets are very important members of some families. However, the Army gives no special considerations to those Army families with pets. If you are considering bringing a pet with you to Germany keep in mind that you are responsible for all financial obligations. Shipping your pet will be at your expense. AMC flights will transport some pets (at a cost to you), but due to weight restrictions and limited space this is not always an option. Be prepared to ship your pet commercially. You may consider calling several airlines to get price estimates just in case you cannot get your pet on an AMC flight. If you are authorized concurrent travel and your whole family is coming to Germany together, remember that you may not get temporary or permanent housing immediately. If housing is not readily available you will be housed at the Bradley Inn Army Lodging Facility. The Bradley Inn has six apartments available that are pet friendly. Unfortunately they are on a first come, first serve basis. If there are no rooms available, the Bradley Inn offers a drop-off/pick-up service to the local tierheim (animal home), with prior arrangement with the front desk during regular duty hours. There are kennels in the area that will board pets. However, at certain times of the year (summer vacation) kennels are booked up months in advance and you may be unable to find boarding for your pet. If you are bringing a pet to Germany, consider deferred travel for family members. Once the sponsor has procured housing, the rest of the family (including any pets) can fly to Germany and be assured of a place to stay. Deferred travel may appear to be inconvenient, but may actually be the easiest arrangement for those families with pets.

EXTREMELY IMPORTANT!!!

BANNED DOGS IN BAVARIA: According to Bavarian law the following dogs are illegal in Bavaria: Pit Bull, Bandog, American Staffordshire Bullterrier, Staffordshire Bull Terrier Tosa-Inu. This includes dogs mixed with any of the above breeds. As of June 2001, pet owners living in Bavaria must get rid of these dogs by returning the dog to the States, moving it to another German state or having it euthanized. Therefore, if you own dogs with any of these breeds and are heading this way, we recommend you make arrangements to leave the pet back in the States. The Bavaria state includes Wuerzburg, Schweinfurt, Ansbach, Kitzingen, Giebelstadt, Bamberg, Grafenwoehr, Vilseck and Hohenfels.

The Bavarian government is not just banning fighting dogs. It is also requiring DOD employees to register other dogs they deem dangerous. The following canines are considered Class 2 dangerous dogs: Bull Mastiff, Dog Argentino, Mastin Espano, Rhodesian Ridgeback, Bullterrier, Dogue de Bordeaux, Mastiff, and Mastino Napoletano. Again, the burden of proof is on the owner. These dogs must be registered at the Veterinary Treatment Facility within two weeks of arriving in Germany, according to IMAE news release. While the costs for registering the dogs are minimal, the owner will be told at the German Office for Safety and Environment, that the dog will have to be taken to a GERMAN veterinarian to be TEMPERAMENT TESTED. There may be a cost for this testing. A dog must be at least three months old in order to be temperament tested. The fine for having an unregistered dog is...THE SKY'S THE LIMIT! Really, there is no set fine. Dogs are registered at the Offenliche Ordnung und Umweltfragen (Office for Safety and Environment). Please remember that this is a German office and there may not be anyone who speaks English. If you have any questions please contact your local military or civilian veterinarian. The granting of a permit may be combined with certain requirements such as keeping the dog on a leash and/or use of a muzzle or keeping the animal locked up.

The Bavarian government and IMAE have also enacted tough punishments for anyone who doesn't obey dog laws. The Bavarian government can fine pet owners up to 10,000 euros (about \$10,000) for noncompliance, according to the Bavarian ordinance.

QUARTERS: You will find that living in Germany can be expensive. Government quarters will be provided to all military families, although the wait can sometimes exceed 3 months. If you choose to live "on the economy" (outside government quarters) you will receive Overseas Housing Allowance (OHA) to help off-set the cost of rent. Cross reference to HOUSING for more information. All military and some civilian personnel receive a cost of living allowance (COLA). COLA fluctuates with the Euro rate.

SHOPPING: Conveniences that are largely taken for granted in the United States are not readily available in Europe. For example, German stores are not open late, nor on Sundays. Favorite brands, styles or sizes of particular products may not be available through the Commissary or the Post Exchange.

CURRENCY: The German currency is the Euro. There are 1 cent, 2 cent, 5 cent, 10 cent, 20 cent, and 50 cent Euro coins, 1 Euro and 2 Euro coins, and 5, 10, 20, 50, 100, 200, and 500 Euro notes. As of 1 January 2002 the Euro is

the sole currency of the European Union with the exception of Denmark, Sweden, and the United Kingdom. It is therefore recommended that all incoming personnel arriving purchase Euros for incidental expenses. You may exchange dollars for Euros inside the airport, at banks on and off the installations, and at local finance offices. Exchange rates fluctuate daily.

AUTOMOBILE CHILD RESTRAINT: German law requires all children under 12 years of age, who are shorter than 4'11" and weigh 80 pounds or less to use an approved child seat or booster seat. Newborn to 3 years, weighing up to 40 pounds, must use a full car seat. Children 3-12 years old, weighing 33-80 pounds, are required to sit in the back seat using an approved booster seat.

TRANSMITTER INTERFERENCE: It is illegal to own, operate or sell cordless transmission equipment brought from the United States. Use of this equipment is illegal in Germany, because radio frequency bands are used differently in Europe than in the States. Use of these transmitters may interfere with air traffic control, private business, radar, security and television. The penalty can be imprisonment up to 20 years or a fine up to 5,200 Euro. **REMEMBER**, just because you buy it in the PX here does not make it legal!!! For more information contact the Division Frequency Manager at DSN 350-6201/7306.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS: The current graduation requirements ensure all students will be provided with the skills to succeed in the 21st century. The minimum graduation requirement is 24 credits, 19.5 credits are in required courses as outlined below.

Aesthetics.....	1 credit
Career Education.....	1 credit
Computers.....	1 credit
Language Arts.....	4 credits
Mathematics.....	3 credits
Science.....	3 credits
Physical Education.....	1 credit
Health.....	1/2 credit
Social Studies.....	3 credits (to include 1 credit in US History and 1/2 credit in American Government)
Foreign Language.....	2 credits

Courses meeting AESTHETICS requirements: Drama, Humanities, all Art courses, and all Music courses.

Courses meeting CAREER EDUCATION requirements: Any courses listed under Business, except Keyboarding
I. Any courses listed under Vocational, Career Education or Career Work Experience (CWE), Home Economics, Graphics, or JROTC.

Registration requirements for Elementary, Middle, and High school students:

- Social Security Number for sponsor and student on yellow Form 600
- Sponsors orders assigning the sponsor to Germany and to the area with report date
- Travel orders indicating each dependent by name
- Passport or birth certificate of each school age child
- Current immunization/shot records for each school age child
- Sponsor's ID Card (sponsor or spouse)
- Emergency contact information on yellow Form 600
- Registration packet provided by the school
- Any academic records you may have for the student, including his/her latest report card

Refer to the Education Category for more in-depth information.

SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY: All items that are part of the basic uniform will be stocked by AAFES. Brand names, such as Land's End must have the logo removed unless invisible as in shirt labels. The items approved for the school uniform include: navy blue or khaki docker style cotton/polyester long pants; jumpers, skirts, shorts, and walking shorts. Red, white, or light blue shirts, either long or short-sleeved Polo shirts, turtleneck long-sleeved shirts, and official PTSA-t-shirts, sweatshirts, or jackets. Socks/tights should be white, navy, or red, and shoes will have a sturdy tie, velcro, buckle or casual shoes in brown, black, or white. Visible brand names or logos are prohibited (exceptions will be for tennis shoes). No platform shoes, sandals, or dress shoes with slick leather soles. Optional sweaters or sweater vests should be red, white, or navy blue.

SPECIAL EDUCATION: When special educational needs are involved, many factors must be considered before an assignment is made. The decision for the best assignment is made by the Department of Defense Dependent

Schools (DODDS) through 1ST PERSCOM in Heidelberg.

It is important to hand carry your child's Individual Education Plan (IEP) records and any updated information or re-evaluation to your new location.

Schools in the Schweinfurt area can provide services for mildly to moderately disabled students as prescribed by a current IEP. Students may receive speech and/or language therapy counseling services.

ACS / Soldier & Family Assistance Center Director	280th Base Support Battalion CMR 457 Schweinfurt 09033 Germany Map It! Phone: 011-49-9721-96-6811 Phone: 011-49-9721-96-6811 Phone: 011-49-9721-96-6751 Fax: 011-49-9721-96-6851 URL: http://www.schweinfurt.army.mil
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Relocation Readiness Program Manager is available to respond to all inquiries related to making the smoothest transition whether from the Schweinfurt community or as incoming personnel into our wonderful community.

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Army Virtual ACS	URL: http://www.armycommunityservice.org/vacs_relocation/home.asp Provides the links to all army employee quality of life needs.
City Guide	URL: http://www.cityguide.com Provides general information on cities worldwide.
Newspaper - STARS AND STRIPES	Phone: 011-49-6155-601264 Phone: 011-49-6155-601450 Phone: 011-49-6155-601241 DSN: 312-349-8450
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